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In re Application of: YAMAZAKI, T., et al.

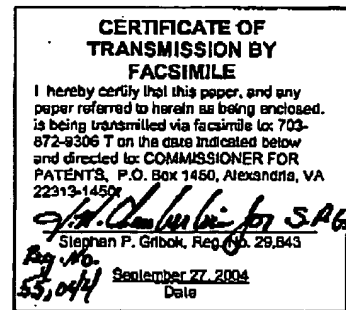
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL, 37, C.F.R. §1.116Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the official action mailed April 26, 2004 (Paper No.

8). This response includes:

- Amendments to claims 1-7, and new claim 8 on pages 2-3 hereof.
- Remarks on pages 6-13.
- Combined Notice of Appeal from the Primary Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences and Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and required fee (\$750).
- A transmittal letter containing a contingent charge authorization.